एवं अन्य समस्याओं के निदान के लिए कार्य दल/उच्चाधिकार समितियों का गठन।

6. कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन विभाग संबंधित प्रशासनिक मंत्रालयों तथा परियोजना प्राधिकारों द्वारा राज्य सरकारों, उपस्कर आपूर्तिकर्ताओं, ठेकेदारों, परामर्शदाताओं तथा अन्य संबंधित अभिकरणों के साथ विलम्ब को कम करने के लिए निकट से अनुवर्ती कार्रवाई।

7. अन्तर मंत्रालयीय समन्वय एवं परस्पर विचार-विमर्श।

8. वास्तविक परियोजना कार्यान्वयन योजना को तैयार करने पर बल।

9. अवरोधों का सामना करने वाली विशिष्ट परियोजनाओं का सचिवों की समिति के द्वारा समीक्षा।

Buffer Stock of Foodgrain with FCI

1379. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position regarding buffer foodgrain stock with the Food Corporation of India as against the last year;

(b) whether the FCI has been facing storage problems for foodgrain stocks and if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) how Government propose to meet the situation;

(d) what has been the extent of loss during each of the last three years on account of lack of storage facilities and for other reasons;

(e) whether there is any proposal for the procurement of plastic containers for storage purposes and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether Government propose to export foodgrains including wheat and rice during the current year and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The stocks of foodgrains with Food Corporation of India as on 1.11.1995 and 1.11.1994 were as follows:—

(in Million Tonnes)

	As on 1.11.95(P)	As on 1.11.94(P)
Wheat	6.90	8.21
Rice	11.64	12.83
TOTAL:	18.54	21.04

(P) Provisional

(b) and (c) No. Sir. At macro level the existing storage capacity is adequate to store the available stocks. However, difficulties do arise in the heavy procurement areas. In order to take care of any defficiency at local levels, the field officers of Food Corporation of India have been delegated with powers for hiring additional storage capacity. During the 8th Five Year Plan (1992—97) Food Corporation of India has been given a target of constructing an additional capacity of 6 lakh tonnes out of which it has already constructed 3.24 lakh tonnes so far.

(d) There has been no report of any damage to foodgrains due to lack of storage facilities. However, the quantities of foodgrains transferred from sound: to damaged due to other natural causes such as floods, unprecedented rains, cyclone, multiple handling, transportation etc, during the past three years (1991-92 to 1993-94) are as follows:—

Years	(Quantity '000 MT)
1991-92	19.87
1992-93	9.81
1993-94	45.79

(e) M/s. Vacuum Process Storage Co. Ltd., Ireland had given a proposal for introduction of VPS System in India. In

order to examine the techno-economic feasibility of the said VPS System Food Corporation of India has appointed National Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. as consultants for the same.

(f) Having regard to the comfortable stocks position of foodgrains in Central Pool, Government has authorised the Food Corporation of India to export/sell for the purpose of export upto 3 million metric tonnes of fine and super fine rice and 2.5 million tonnes of wheat from Central Pool during 1995-96 at the prices fixed by the Government from time to time. Food Corporation of India has not exported any quantity of rice or wheat directly. It has, however, sold a quantity of 1.5 million tonnes of rice upto November, 1995 to exporters both in public and private sector for export by them.

Mid-Term Plan Appraisal Review Report

1380. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the original mid-term plan appraisal review report prepared by the Planning Commission had certain critical observations on Government's new economic policies;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether a revised review of the mid-term plan appraisal has been finalised and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when Government will lay a copy of the same on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) The mid-term appraisal of Eighth Five Year Plan has not been completed as yet and the necessary exercise in this connection is underway in the Planning Commission in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments of Government of India.

(d) This question will arise only after the completion of mid term appraisal.

Subsidy on Export of Sugar

1381. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 15 and Unstarred Question 71 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th November, 1995 and state:

(a) the quantity of sugar exported and imported during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) whether there is any demand for export of sugar and whether any subsidy has been offered for export of sugar because of large scale production of sugar in the country?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The quantity of sugar exported and imported during the last three Financial Years is as under:—

(In lakh tonnes)

Financial Year	Quantity Exported	Quantity Imported
1992-93	3.63	Nil
1993-94	2.85	Nil
1994-95	Nil	9.77* (actually arrived 9.75)

*This does not include a quantity of about 9.84 lakh tonnes imported by Private Parties under Open General Licence (O.G.L.).

(b) As per the export agency Indian Sugar & General Industry Export/Import Corporation, there is a great demand for Indian sugar in the World Market particularly from Russia and Sri Lanka. No subsidy has been given for export of sugar.